

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT OF THE WHOLESALE)	
WATER SERVICE RATES OF THE CITY OF)	CASE NO. 2015-00039
AUGUSTA)	

ORDER

On December 1, 2015, the city of Augusta ("Augusta") and the Bracken County Water District ("Bracken District") jointly submitted a report on their settlement discussions. Augusta and Bracken District jointly state that they are engaged in discussions to resolve their differences. In light of these discussions, Augusta and Bracken District move for an Order modifying the procedural schedule in this case to extend the time for submitting written briefs from December 9, 2015, to January 8, 2016.

In support of their motion, the parties state that a settlement, if reached, would eliminate litigation expenses related to the preparation of written briefs. The parties state that the Commission has until June 27, 2016, to render a final decision in this matter. They state that the requested extension will not unduly limit the time that the Commission has to review the record and render a decision.

Having reviewed the joint motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds good cause to modify the date by which a party shall file a brief in this matter from December 9, 2015, to January 8, 2016. The Commission finds that the parties should be required to file a written statement regarding the status of their settlement discussions on or before December 30, 2015.

We note that on June 17, 2015, the Commission entered an Order that granted a prior joint motion to hold this matter in abeyance pending settlement discussions, and the matter was held in abeyance from June 17, 2015, through August 14, 2015. On November 5, 2015, we entered an Order that granted the parties an abeyance from November 9, 2015, through December 9, 2015. With the additional 30 days granted through the entry of this Order, the parties have been granted a total of approximately four months to engage in settlement discussions. The Commission places Augusta and Bracken District on notice that there will be no further extensions of the procedural schedule for the purpose of allowing additional discussions.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

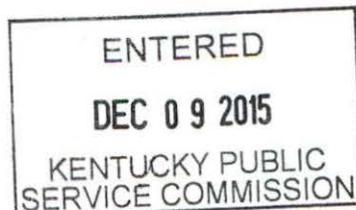
1. Augusta and Bracken District's joint motion to extend the time for filing a brief in this matter is granted.
2. The date by which each party shall file its brief in this matter is extended from December 9, 2015, up to and including January 8, 2016.
3. On or before December 30, 2015, Augusta and Bracken District shall file a written statement regarding the status of their settlement discussions.
4. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director



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